



What you need to know about Development Related Activities and the Tree Protection Bylaw

When applying for development related activities on a property, the need for a Tree Permit is determined during the processing of your development application. You do not need to apply for a tree permit separately. After the District of Saanich receives your development application (e.g. building, blasting or development permit) a referral is sent to Saanich Parks from the department receiving the application. Parks assesses the application and applies the Tree Protection Bylaw (Bylaw). In order to properly assess the application, and to determine if all requirements are met, Saanich Parks needs the following information in regards to trees:

Site plan that shows:

- proposed development activities
- trees and tree tag numbers
- all Bylaw-protected trees on site, and within 3m of the property line
- all above and underground services (existing and/or proposed)
- hardscape (existing and proposed)
- all proposal trees



Tree Protection Plan provided by a qualified arborist, including:

- inventory of existing trees, which ones are to be retained and which ones proposed for removal
- recommendations to preserve trees during construction
- tree protection fencing (for retained trees and proposed replanting sites)
- proposed planting sites for replacement trees
- traffic access and material storage in consideration of protecting retained trees

Is my application a “development” application?

Development applications include:

- building
- plumbing
- blasting
- demolition
- development permit
- rezoning
- subdivision

Any resulting Tree Permits can only be issued *after* the development related (e.g. building) permit has been approved and issued.



Need more information?

This insert supplements the “Highlights for Property Owners” and is only a summary. For the complete Tree Protection Bylaw and more information, please see: <http://bit.ly/SaanichTrees>

Saanich Parks oversees the Tree Protection Bylaw.
Contact us for more information, email parks@saanich.ca or call 250-475-5522





Permit Fees

Bylaw Section 19.	Circumstance	Security Deposits	Replacement Ratio
h and i	Tree within building footprint or driveway, off street parking, septic tank or field and above ground utility (where no other suitable locations are possible)	\$700	2:1
j and k	Construction or installation of roads or services, approved by Engineering or installation of an access route / above ground service of a bare land strata subdivision approved by Engineering	\$700	3:1

Application Fee	Fee Per Additional Tree
Building (no rezoning), Subdivision (no rezoning), Blasting, Plumbing and Demolition Permits	
\$50	\$30
Rezoning and Development Permits (including Subdivision and Servicing in support of)	
\$100	\$30
Permit Amendments	Additional Field Visits
\$40	???